

and recreational activities, vocational development and guidance. It instills a feeling of importance in the members while helping build character and leadership abilities.

After-school child care and preschool day care support the needs of working parents. Our preschool program is committed to promoting quality child care that contributes to increased social and emotional development, learning skills and school readiness. The Summer Career Exploration Program provides on-the-job experience to teenagers for a six week period. All teenagers are invited to apply for summer employment, beginning with the completion of job applications and being called in for an interview. The interview process itself teaches teens valuable life skills in obtaining employment, especially how to present oneself at an interview. It also provides self-esteem and self-awareness. Leadership abilities are enhanced when a youth is placed in a job, has a say in decision making and becomes responsible for their performance. A sense of pride is established when a teenager can say "I did a good job today." Adult participants act as mentors for the teens. The youth involved in this program attend workshops covering topics such as peer pressure, conflict resolution and substance abuse prevention, to name just a few.

Summer camp is a well-rounded, ten-week program offering each child opportunities that may not be afforded to them if they stayed home with a babysitter. Campers receive breakfast, lunch and a snack each day and all go on one trip a week to places like the FunPlex, The Academy of Natural Sciences, The Franklin Institute and the Brunswick Zone. The Club offers a computer program, arts and crafts, environmental education and other activities designed to instill creativeness and pride in our children. Anti-violence workshops teach the youngsters to respect themselves and others. Children are taught that they can make the world a better place by believing we are all members of the same race—the human race. They learn to protect the environment by recycling, to improve literacy by reading and to help others by performing club related community service.

The Club also has a scholarship program which provides small financial gifts to college bound members. Keystone and Torch encourages children to stay in school and guides them in career and vocational choices. The Club is also a worksite for the Juvenile Justice System and many youth perform court-ordered community service there.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the Bridesburg Boys & Girls Club, an organization that has been proudly serving the youth of Philadelphia's neighboring communities for over 75 years, demonstrating in so many ways that they are an organization that truly lives up to their motto, Great Futures Start Here.

IAN DONALDSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ian Donaldson

for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ian Donaldson is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ian Donaldson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ian Donaldson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes taken last Wednesday and Thursday, May 18–19, due to a family health emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 200 (Passage of H. Res. 735): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 201 (Adoption of the Previous Question on H. Res. 736): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 202 (Passage of H. Res. 736): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 203 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1014 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. DAVID MCKINLEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 204 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1016 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. JERROLD NADLER): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 205 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1019 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. TED POE): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 206 (Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 207 (Passage of H.R. 5243, the Zika Response Appropriations Act, 2016): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 208 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1029 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. KEN BUCK): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 209 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1030 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. JOHN FLEMING): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 210 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1033 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. BARBARA LEE): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 211 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1034 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. JARED POLIS): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 212 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1036 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. KEITH ELLISON): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 213 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1037 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. KEITH ELLISON): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 214 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1041 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. MARK SANFORD): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 215 (Motion to Recommit H.R. 4909): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 216 (Passage of H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 217 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1057 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 218 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1058 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 219 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1059 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 220 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1060 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 221 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1062 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. EARL BLUMENAUER): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 222 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1063 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. JOHN FLEMING): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 223 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1064 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. JARED HUFFMAN): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 224 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1075 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. PAUL GOSAR): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 225 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1076 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. SCOTT PERRY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 226 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1079 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 227 (Engrossment and Third Reading): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 228 (Passage of H.R. 4974, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017): YES.

IN HONOR OF GTI'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Gas Technology Institute (GTI) on its 75th anniversary. Located in the heart of Illinois' 8th District, GTI is a large part of our community and a pillar of our country's energy sector.

Every day, GTI researchers develop protocols, processes, technologies, tools and training solutions which enhance our energy products worldwide. Starting with only a dozen staff and barely enough space to conduct a few experiments, GTI quickly grew. Utilizing their robust technical expertise, currently GTI holds over 1,300 patents; including more than 80 patents for fuel cells technology.

I have had the opportunity to visit GTI and see firsthand their state-of-the-art facilities and learn about their developments in advanced biofuels. For 75 years, GTI has provided innovative solutions to critical energy challenges and improved the way we produce, transport and use energy.

I applaud GTI's success and congratulate them on 75 remarkable years of innovation, leadership and expertise in our energy sector. Illinois is fortunate to be home to such a renowned institution.

IN HONOR OF MR. E. DALE WORTHAM

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, my colleague the Honorable GENE

GREEN and I would like to honor the memory of a distinguished labor leader: Mr. E. Dale Wortham. Throughout Mr. Wortham's life, he held a variety of positions, including President of the Harris County Labor Assembly for over 20 years, Vice President/Organizer of IBEW Local 716, and as delegate at many national and state conventions. In these positions, he was on the frontlines in the fight for a living wage and fair working conditions.

Mr. Wortham was not only a notable labor leader, but also served on the Harris County Board of Managers for the Harris Health System, earning the distinction of the body's longest-serving labor representative. Mr. Wortham will be especially remembered for his passion for helping people through the political process, especially working people.

Mr. Speaker, we are blessed to say farewell to a dear friend who is gone but not forgotten. He will be missed dearly by a multitude of family and friends. This family includes Melinda Wortham; son, Stephen Dale Wortham; his sisters, Becky Rogers (George), Leslie Broussard (Jimmy), and Lisa Persky (Ronnie); as well as his brother, Jason Krieg.

MARIANA MARQUEZ-CASTELLANO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mariana Marquez-Castellano for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Mariana Marquez-Castellano is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mariana Marquez-Castellano is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mariana Marquez-Castellano for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER EDWARD ARTHUR REESE, S.J., PRESIDENT OF BROPHY COLLEGE PREPARATORY

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Edward Arthur Reese, President of Brophy College Preparatory, one of the most prestigious and successful Jesuit educational institutions for young men in Arizona. For the past 20 years, Father Reese has been the anchor and backbone of this school and the larger Catholic community in

Phoenix. He retires at the end of this academic year and leaves behind a legacy of educational excellence, community service and true dedication to his faith.

Father Reese will be remembered for his bold vision, bringing a culture of innovation to the entire Brophy community. The highlights of his vision are reflected in his founding of the Loyola Academy, a 6th, 7th and 8th grade middle school on the Brophy campus which offers a Jesuit education to underserved students with academic and leadership potential at no cost to them.

Additionally he is leaving for St. Ignatius of Loyola High School in San Francisco and taking his legacy of technology in the classroom with faculty and students free to experiment, leaning forward to learn while preparing for the future without fear. We wish Father Reese the very best as he takes on a new challenge and we thank him for his tremendous contribution to our community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,209,816,164,726.68. We've added \$8,582,939,115,813.06 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO DONELLA BROWN WILSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mrs. Donella Brown Wilson, a trailblazing educator and community leader. Today is her 107th birthday.

Born May 24, 1909, in Fort Motte, South Carolina, Mrs. Wilson grew up on the land where her great-grandparents had worked as slaves. As a young girl, she realized that she wanted to teach others to read. She started by teaching herself, studying the pages of the Sears & Roebuck catalog by the light of an oil lamp.

Mrs. Wilson achieved this goal in 1933 when she earned her teaching credentials from Allen University in Columbia. She embarked on a long teaching career, mostly in rural parts of the state, retiring in 1971.

In 1931, she married Reverend John R. Wilson, Sr., who was also an educator. They purchased a home in the historic Waverley community of Columbia, where they became community institutions. Mrs. Wilson is a life member of the NAACP, South Carolina Education Association, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and Union Baptist Church. She is a past national superintendent in the United Order of Tents,

Inc. In recent years, Mrs. Wilson has become the unofficial historian of Waverley, and her willingness to recount her life experiences has enriched many of us of subsequent generations.

The changes Mrs. Wilson has seen over the last 107 years have been remarkable. She played a big part in bringing them about when she was involved in the landmark case *Elmore v. Rice* in 1947, which successfully challenged the legality of the whites-only Democratic primary in South Carolina. Treasuring this victory and fully understanding the crucial importance of the ballot, she has voted in every election since. Six years ago, I honored Mrs. Wilson's request that I accompany her as she cast her first vote for me after turning 100. She said in 2012, "Those of us that live to see how you graduated from and came up the ladder makes us feel that our days, that our prayers and our working in the fields and what not, was not in vain."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in wishing Mrs. Wilson a very happy 107th birthday. It is a remarkable milestone befitting a remarkable woman. I wish her good health and Godspeed.

SPENCER LITTEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Spencer Littel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Spencer Littel is a 12th grader at Faith Christian Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Spencer Littel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Spencer Littel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS GARVEY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Garvey, a native of Ridley Park, Delaware County, Pennsylvania who served as an Army Ranger and Special Forces officer during the war in Vietnam.

A graduate of St. James High School in Chester, Thomas Garvey enlisted in the Army in 1965 in Philadelphia. He volunteered to serve as a paratrooper and eventually entered Officer Candidate School. He earned his Ranger tab and led a Special Force "A-